

Marlow Volunteer Fire Department
Standard Operating Guideline
Control of Infectious Disease Transmission

Purpose

The purpose of this guideline is to provide comprehensive infection control procedures to maximize protection against transmission of infectious disease for all Marlow Volunteer Fire Department occupational exposure members (First Responders, Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics), non-occupational exposure members, and the public.

Scope

This Standard Operating Guideline applies to all Marlow Volunteer Fire Department members.

Training

Marlow Volunteer Fire Department shall provide control of infectious disease transmission training opportunities annually to all active members.

All members designated as having occupational exposure shall receive control of infectious disease transmission training prior to attending patients and shall attend said training annually.

Hepatitis B Vaccinations

Marlow Volunteer Fire Department shall schedule and provide opportunity for Hepatitis B vaccination at no cost to occupational exposure members. The Department strongly recommends the series of three Hepatitis B vaccine injections be accepted and completed by all members, especially those members with potential occupational exposure.

Members who decline to receive the Hepatitis B vaccine shall provide written proof of prior vaccine or shall complete the Hepatitis B Vaccine Waiver prior to responding to medical assist calls.

Emergency Medical Response Procedures

Members not in the occupational exposure categories are strictly prohibited from any contact with patients or potentially contaminated materials and equipment.